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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH LAW OF THE SEA DELEGATION

KENYA

1. THE SECRETARY MET FRIDAY, AUG. 13, WITH AMBASSADOR MAINA AND MR. KJENYA, HEAD AND DEPUTY HEAD OF THE DELEGATION OF KENYA TO THE LAW OF THE SEA, AFTER A FRIENDLY AND FRANK EXCHANGE OF VIEWS THE SECRETARY SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS.

COMMITTEE I: KENYA AGREED THAT A DOUBLE ACCESS SYSTEM FOR THE SEABEDS MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE TO THEM IF THE U.S. COULD GIVE ASSURANCES THAT IT WOULD TRY TO MAKE THE ENTERPRISES FINANCIALLY VIABLE. COMMITTEE II: KENYA WAS OF THE VIEW THAT IF RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF COASTAL STATES AND OTHERS COULD BE SPECIFIED THAT WOULD BE ENOUGH AND THEN THE WORDS "HIGH SEAS" SHOULD BE OF LESS IMPORTANCE.

COMMITTEE III: KENYA BELIEVES THAT THE PRINCIPLE OF CONSENT IS NECESSARY BUT YOU MIGHT BE WILLING TO SPECIFY IN SUCH A WAY AS TO BRING THE SYSTEM CLOSER TO A REQUIREMENT FOR NOTICE.

2. THE KENYAN DELEGATION AGREED WITH THE SUMMARY AND THE SECRETARY INDICATES THAT IF THAT WERE THE CASE HE WOULD STUDY THESE PROBLEMS TO SEE IF THERE WAS A GOOD SOLUTION.

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